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1. FOLLOWING ARE THE DAILY ACTIVITY REPORTS FROM THE
PRINCIPALS. P, M AND C DID NOT SUBMIT REPORTS.

FROM CHARLES W. ROBINSON

CHUCK PERCY AND CHUCK MEISSNER OF THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE STAFF WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM, LUNCHE-
D WITH ART HUMMEL AND ME TO DISCUSS THEIR UPCOMING TRIP TO
JAPAN. ART HUMMEL AND I BOTH STRESSED THAT THE IMPORTANT
CONTRIBUTION HE COULD MAKE IN HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH RANKING
JAPANESE OFFICIALS WOULD BE TO REASSURE THEM ON THE CONTINU-
ITY OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY WITH REGARD TO JAPAN AND
OTHER RELATED ISSUES SUCH AS KOREA.

AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI TELEPHONED TO EXPLAIN THAT HE WOULD BE
IN NYC FOR THE NEXT TWO DAYS BUT HE DIDN'T WANT THIS
TO INTERFERE WITH NEGOTIATION OF ARRANGEMENTS ALONG THE
LINES I HAD DISCUSSED WITH HIM PREVIOUSLY. I AGREED TO

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MEET WITH HIM ON HIS RETURN TO WASHINGTON, EXPLAINING

THAT THERE WERE SOME TECHNICAL AND LEGAL PROBLEMS WHICH WE HOPED TO RESOLVE SHORTLY AND I WOULD DISCUSS THESE WITH HIM EARLY NEXT WEEK. THIS SEEMED TO SATISFY HIM FOR THE MOMENT, AND I BELIEVE IT SETS THE STAGE FOR A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER.

ALSO DURING THE DAY: CHAIRED PRINCIPALS/REGIONALS MEETING AND AFRICA GROUP AND MET WITH PRESS SPOKESMAN TRATTNER. THIS EVENING I AM GOING TO A POPULATION CONFERENCE RECEPTION AND A DISCUSSION ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ORGANIZED BY THE WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL.

E - ROGERS

OPEC INCREASE - I COLLECTED THE INTERESTED OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT TO CONSIDER WHAT LAST EFFORTS WE MIGHT MAKE AS WE COME DOWN TO THE DECEMBER 15 WIRE ON AN OIL PRICE INCREASE. WE CONCLUDED THAT 1) WE MIGHT ASK OUR OPEC AMBASSADORS TO BE CERTAIN THAT OUR MESSAGE ON THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE INCREASE HAD GOT ACROSS; 2) THAT OUR BRITISH, GERMAN AND FRENCH FRIENDS SHOULD KNOW WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND ARE DOING; AND 3) THAT WE GET A BEEFED-UP PAPER ON THE MODESTY OF THE INCREASES IN OPEC'S COSTS INTO THE HANDS OF OUR POSTS OVERSEAS RIGHT AWAY.

TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE - THE COMMITTEE MET FOR MUCH OF THE AFTERNOON. IT REDEDICATED THIS ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO A SUCCESSFUL MTN IN 1977 AND DETERMINED TO DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO PERSUADE THE INCOMING ADMINISTRATION TO PRESS AHEAD ON THE VITAL OPEN POLICY ISSUES. IT ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE ZENITH CASE -- WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT THE NEW YORK CUSTOMS COURT DECIDES AGAINST REMISSION OF INDIRECT TAXES FOR EXPORTS. THIS COULD CAUSE MASSIVE TRADE DISRUPTION ON A MOMENT'S NOTICE. WE ALSO DISCUSSED THE SIMONET PLAN TO CARTELIZE THE EUROPEAN STEEL INDUSTRY.

TAX POLICY - SINCE TAX POLICY WILL BE SOMEWHAT LESS IRRELEVANT FOR ME NEXT YEAR THAN NOW, I STAYED OVER FOR SECRET

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ONE OF THE LONG SERIES OF MEETINGS EPB HAS BEEN HAVING LATELY. ACTUALLY, THE OVERALL EPB AGENDA FOR THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS IS HOW TO STIMULATE THE U.S. ECONOMY, A MATTER OF NO SMALL IMPORTANCE TO OUR FRIENDS ELSEWHERE.

FROM T - AMOS A. JORDAN

I MET WITH JIM MICHEL OF L TO REVIEW MEASURES WHICH CAN BE

TAKEN UNDER PRESENT LEGISLATION TO CONTROL MORE TIGHTLY
THE ACTIVITIES OF COMMERCIAL ARMS SALESMEN AND TO DISCUSS
POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE CHANGES WITH REGARD TO COMMERCIAL
ARMS SALES WHICH WILL BETTER INSURE THEIR CONGRUENCE WITH
FOREIGN POLICY. THERE IS PAY DIRT HERE.

JAMES HOLCUMBE, VICE PRESIDENT OF NORTHROP, CALLED TO MAKE
THE CASE FOR EARLY EXECUTIVE BRANCH APPROVAL OF NORTHROP'S
DESIRE TO SELL THE F-18L TO IRAN AND TO BEGIN MERCHANDIS-
ING EFFORTS IN AUSTRALIA, CANADA, GERMANY AND ELSEWHERE.
I MERELY TOLD HIM THAT THE MATTER WAS UNDER STUDY. ROBINSON

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